



2011

Liveable Neighborhoods Annual Report



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This report will provide you with information on some of the projects and programs operating under the Liveable Neighborhoods department of the Unified Government's Neighborhood Resource Center.

The mission of Liveable Neighborhoods is to provide information, trainings, resources and a forum to have open discussion with Unified Government staff to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. To advocate for policies and ordinances that will enhance the livability of our community and to support efforts that will promote the benefits of having an organized neighborhood group.

Liveable Neighborhoods 2011 Board of Directors

Betty Wells	#1 Nathan Barnes
Patty Orth	#2 Brian McKiernan
Evelyn Larson	#3 Ann Murguia
Carole Newton	#4 Terrance Maddox
Don Ash	#5 Mike Kane
Becky Billigmeier	#6 Angela Markley
Bill Boster	#7 Tom Cooley
Beverly Darby	#8 Butch Ellison

Neighborhood Business Revitalization Group Representatives

Lou Braswell	Leavenworth Road Association
Kim Hausback	Armourdale Renewal Association
Marty Thoennes	Central Area Betterment Association
Wendy Wilson	Rosedale Development Association
	North East Business Association
Ed Linnebur	Downtown Shareholders
Barbara Kill	Turner Community Connection
Ty Lewis	Argentine Betterment Corporation

Miscellaneous Representatives

Kirk Suther	Operation Brightside
Paul Soptick	Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol/WCAC
Steve Curtis	CHWC
Tom Lally	Heartland Habitat for Humanity
Ed Linnebur	City Vision Ministries
Melissa Bynum	Wyandot, Inc.

Government/Professional Representatives (Category II)

Pam Curtis	Mayor's Office Representative
Linda Wolford	KCK Public Library
Capt. Victor Webb	Commander of Community Policing
Greg Talkin	Director of the NRC
Joe Dick	Board of Public Utilities
Wilba Miller	Community Development
Sharon McMillan	UG Commission Liaison

Flex Positions

Wendell Maddox	United Way
Cecilia Ysaac-Belmares	Ks Hispanic & Latino American Affairs Commission

Thank You to our Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Groups

We would like to thank all of our neighborhood groups for all they have done this year to fulfill the mission of Liveable Neighborhoods. Your commitment and dedication has made our community a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Mary Jane Johnson
Liveable Neighborhoods
Program Coordinator



Andrea Generaux
Liveable Neighborhoods
Neighborhood Liaison



Below are a few examples of how you have helped with our mission:

- Attended monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings.
- Served as community liaisons for Christmas in October to conduct screening and identifying seniors in need.
- Organized a National Night Out Against Crime event.
- Advocated for the Complete Streets Initiative.
- Distributed smoke alarms to your neighbors.
- Assisted with promotion of recycling by utilizing portable recycling containers for special events.
- Mowed and cleaned up vacant lots.
- Attended the Breaking the Silence Conference.
- Designed, created and landscaped neighborhood entry signs.
- Created community gardens on vacant lots.
- Helped to raise funds for needy families for Christmas.
- Participated in surveys conducted by the KCK Public Library, United Way and EOF, and Fair Housing.
- Attending meetings and committees with Unified Government staff and elected officials to discuss and resolve issues.
- Patrolled your neighborhoods and partnered with the Police Dept. to help reduce crime.
- Establish summer youth job programs.
- Distribute monthly newsletters and information to your neighbors.
- Held regular neighborhood meetings and social events.
- Served on committees for the adoption of the 2009 Property Maintenance Codes and the Brownsfield Assessment Program.
- Provided input for the State Avenue Corridor Improvements.
- Attended Unified Government Commission meetings, standing committees and budget workshops.
- Signed up for the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol training.
- Helped to distribute Vial of Life kits.
- Provided resources for seniors and disabled with minor home repair.

We are truly grateful and proud to have the opportunity to partner with our neighborhood leaders, you are the true unsung heroes of our community!

2011 Monthly Liveable Neighborhoods Meeting Speakers

January

- Richard Mabion, Breaking the Silence Conference
- Brandi Fisher, United Way and EOF Community Needs Assessment
- Cynthia Davis, Fair Housing Survey
- Bill Johnson & Patrice Townsend, BPU - Smart Meters
- Election of 2011 Liveable Neighborhoods Officers

February

- Chief of Police, Rick Armstrong
- Rick Whitby, Sheriff's Tag Enforcement Presentation
- Paul Soptick, Annual Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol Meeting

March

- Mayor/CEO Joe Reardon, Complete Streets Resolution (Healthy Communities Task Force)
- Jason Williby, Red Cross
- LaMonica Upton, Dept. of Aging
- Melissa Bynum and Probate Judge Kate Lynch, Wyandot Inc. Mental Health Services
- Peggi Englehart, MAUWI System

April

- David Wallace, YMCA
- Guy Ellison, Community Forum Against Crime
- Mark Wiebe, Wyandot Inc.

May

- Warren Kittler, Greenmarket
- Stacy Davis, Mental Health America of the Heartland
- Richard Mabion, Energy Efficiency
- Joe Connor, Director of the Health Dept. - Healthy Communities Action Teams
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June

- Pat Pettey and Atif Abdel Khakiq, Homeless Coalition
- Wayne Wilson, Code Enforcement Manager - 2009 Property Maintenance Codes
- Greg Talkin, NRC Director - 2009 Residential & Building Codes
- Adrion & Vicky Roberson, Wyandotte County Youth Football & Cheerleading Assoc.

July - No Meeting

August

- Loretta Shea Kline, Christian Foundation for Children & Aging
- Jim Schraeder, State Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements
- Nick Godfrey and Dave Zimmerman, Brownsfield Assessment Program
- Andrea Generaux, Neighborhood Networking
- Greg Talkin, Illegal Dumping

September - No Meeting

October...Board attended the U.G. Neighborhood Group Awards Luncheon, October 21st

November - Mayor's Downtown Tree Lighting & Tree Decorating Contest, November 18th

December - No meeting

2011 Liveable Neighborhoods Office Updates

Land Bank Advisory Committee

In 2011 103 properties were returned to the tax rolls for a total amount of revenue of \$38,690.00. The Land Bank Advisory Committee comprised of neighborhood leaders meets on call as needed by the Land Bank Manager. The committee makes recommendations on applications brought forward by the Land Bank Manager. The recommendations are then forwarded to the Mayor & Commissioners.

Office Updates

In 2011 Liveable Neighborhoods provided 495,000 copies for neighborhood groups. This includes newsletters, meeting notices, event flyers and informational materials. We also provide a folding machine service to neighborhood groups. The office has a phone tree so any neighborhood group registered with our office can provide us with a list of phone numbers of their members which is down loaded into the phone tree software. We ask that the neighborhood leaders make an appointment to come in to record any approved information which sends out a recorded voice message to their members or they can e-mail us with their message and we will record the voice message to send out to their group.

A monthly newsletter is created with updates and important information. Neighborhood groups use the monthly newsletter as a template for their own customized neighborhood newsletter. The Liveable Neighborhoods department web site is updated throughout the year to include the Liveable Neighborhoods monthly newsletters and informational brochures. The office also maintains the neighborhood group list which includes; Name of group, contact name, contact address & phone number, meeting date and times and other internal information. The list is updated as necessary and changes often, so if you need an updated list contact Liveable Neighborhoods at Ext. 8737.

The Liveable Neighborhoods office serves as the central information office for neighborhood groups to receive information. We use our neighborhood e-mail distribution list to send out information on a daily basis. We send out anywhere from 25 to 60 e-mails per week. Many departments, agencies and organizations utilize the Liveable Neighborhoods office to distribute a wide variety of events, trainings, meetings, forums, press releases etc. Due to the large number of calls and questions our office receives the Liveable Neighborhoods Directory and Resource Guide was created to help citizens with answers to the most frequently asked questions. The directory can be found on the Unified Government's web site on the Liveable Neighborhoods link. Liveable Neighborhood distributed 2,500 printed copies of the directory in 2011 to neighborhood groups.

The Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Liaison assists Code Enforcement Division and requests from the public with minor home repair for seniors and disabled residents by connecting them with local agencies, organizations and local government programs.

Liveable Neighborhoods receives Community Development Block Grant Funds to assist with paying for operational needs.

2011 U.G. Neighborhood Group Grant Recipients



**Argentine Betterment Corp.
Armourdale Renewal Association
Block Hawks
Brentwood Hills
Brighton Hill
Cathedral
Central Avenue Betterment Association
Crestview
Delaware Ridge
Douglass Sumner
East Argentine
Field of Dreams
Fowler Park
Gerding Gardens
Getty Grove
Hanover Heights
Hilltop
Historic Westheight
Leavenworth Road Association
Liveable Neighborhoods
Morris
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Neighbors On Watch
Neighbors Who Care
North Georgia Helpers
North Welborn Watch
Organization for Community Preservation
Parkwood Colony
Parkway Pointe
Plaza Tower Crime Watch
Pomeroy Neighborhood Watch
Prescott Neighborhood Group
Presidential Highfields HOA
Quail Creek HOA
Quindaro Homes
Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators
Rose Alert
Rosedale Development Association
Shawnee Road Neighborhood Group
South Argentine
South Turner
South West Argentine
Strugglers Hill/Roots
Step Up Neighborhood Group
St. Joseph Watchdogs
Stony Point/Hunters Glen
Strawberry Hill
Tremont
Turner Community Connection
Villa Argentina
Westborough
Westbridge HOA
Welborn Community Watch**



Congratulations!

2011 Neighborhood Leadership Awards



From Left to Right...

Kendall McReynolds, Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol
“Crime Fighter of the Year Award”

Barbara Kill, Turner Community Connections
“Neighborhood Leadership Award”

Mayor Joe Reardon

Patty Orth, Cathedral Neighborhood Group
“Neighborhood Leadership Award”

Rachel Jefferson, Oak Grove Neighborhood Group
“Neighborhood Leadership Award”

Glen Newbill, Code Enforcement Inspector
“John Eger Award for Excellence in Code Enforcement”

(Not pictured) **Honorable Mentions for Neighborhood Leadership**

Marlene Bouray, Neighbors Who Care

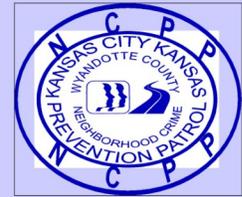
Steve Curtis, CHWC

Kathy Elevier, Getty Grove Neighborhood Group

Bob Parker, Pomeroy Neighborhood Group

2011 National Night Out Against Crime

August 2, 2011



Paul Sopotnik, President Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol and organizer of the NOAC kicks off the event activities.



Paul Sopotnik thanked Barb Kill for all of her hard work and efforts to make the NOAC.



The Girl Scouts present the flags and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



Commissioner Angela Markey reads the proclamation on behalf of Mayor Joe Renshaw and the Unified Government Commissioners.



Target employees prepare to serve the crowd.



Free face painting for the kids!



Chief of Police Rick Armstrong



Neighbors Who Care display their accomplishments.



Kensington Community Area Watch present pictures of their activities.



Over 200 residents attended the NOAC event.



KCKPDC Community Policing display



The first 100 people to arrive received a free Night Out t-shirt.



Andrea Genereux, Liveable Neighborhoods, visiting with Doreen Yockum, Wyandotte Village NEIG.



The crowd listens intently as the speakers begin the program.



The Strugglers Hill Neighborhood Group community garden display.



W500
Wyandotte

To submit an application to join in the race
Contact
Liveable Neighborhoods at
913-573-8737

“We are a group of diverse leaders and organizations committed to making our community Safer and Healthier”

Select your topic of interest and join us:

- Safety in Neighborhoods
- Health & Wellness
- Minor Home Repair for Seniors and Disabled
- Mentoring
- Youth Programs
- Cleaning Up Vacant Lots
- Community Connections
- Businesses
- Faith Community
- Media
- Non-Profit Agencies
- Local Government



Start Your Engines
Wyandotte County!

Let's see how many laps (projects) we can finish... 500?



2010 Partners

Shepherd's Center
Dagler's Pharmacies
Community Policing
Fire Department
Christmas in October
Whittier & M.E. Pearson Schools
Communities in Schools
Rental Licensing & Inspections
Housing Authority
Sheriff's Department
United Artists
Bridging the Gap
United Way
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol
Argentine Settlement Corp.
Rosedale Development Assoc.
Northeast Economic Development Corp.

2011 Partners

KC Healthy Kids
U.S. Health Department
American Red Cross
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol
Richard Madison, Breaking the Silence Conf.
KCK Community College
KCK Public Library
United Way
Equal Opportunity Foundation
Community Development
U. S. Healthy Communities Action Teams
Code Enforcement
Christmas in October
Shepherd's Center
Operation Brightside/Public Works

Mid America Regional Council Leadership 2000
FBI
Peace Works
Board of Public Utilities
Mid-Career Redevelopment Corp.
Community Development
Community Policing
Armourville Renewal Assoc.
Argentine Settlement Assoc.
Lawrenceville Road Association
Central Avenue Retirement Assoc.
Downtown Shareholders
Northwest Business Assoc.
Turner Community Connections
Rosedale Development Assoc.





Liveable Neighborhoods State Avenue Corridor Open House



2011 Liveable Neighborhoods Meetings



Liveable Neighborhoods Brownsfield Assessment Program Planning Team Meeting



Residents Honored During Annual Liveable Neighborhoods Luncheon

October 21, 2011

Mayor Joe Reardon presented grants to fifty-two neighborhood groups during the 2011 Neighborhood Group Awards Luncheon hosted by Liveable Neighborhoods on Friday, October 21st.

Reardon provided brief remarks to the group of residents that filled the lower level of Indian Springs.

"I want to say thank you," says Reardon. "We can't solve everyone's problems, but we can come together as a community to bring that level of certainty to our neighborhoods. You're the leaders that bring us through tough and difficult times."

The grants provide much needed assistance to the active neighborhood groups in so many ways. In some cases the money is used to help with the purchase of lawn equipment, safety kits and equipment, community gardens and supplies to name a few.

"If you calculate the number of volunteer hours performed by the neighborhood group leaders and volunteers, the number could easily add up to 30,000 hours per year," Mary Jane Johnson, Executive Director of Liveable Neighborhoods said.



These are the "best of the best" dedicated citizen heroes who attend meetings, patrol their neighborhoods and coordinate neighborhood activities all for the betterment of their neighborhoods. We are truly lucky to have such a great number of neighborhood groups, no other city in our region has such a unique network established with their neighborhoods."

In addition to the distribution of grants, Liveable Neighborhoods also honored those individuals who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in their community. The following Neighborhood Awards were presented to:

- **Rachel Jefferson** - Quindaro Clinic and Oak Grove NHG, Neighborhood Leadership Award
- **Barbara Kill** - Turner Community Connection, Neighborhood Leadership Award
- **Patty Orth** - Cathedral Neighborhood Group, Neighborhood Leadership Award
- **Marlene Bouray** - Neighbors Who Care, Special Recognition Award
- **Steve Curtis** - CHWC, Special Recognition Award
- **Bob Parker** - Pomeroy Neighborhood Group, Special Recognition Award
- **Kathy Elevier** - Getty Grove, Special Recognition Award
- **Kendall McReynolds** - Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol, Crime Fighter of the Year Award
- **Glen Newbill** - U.G. Code Enforcement Inspector, John Eger Award
- **Dick Kielman & M.L. Bell** - Operation Brightside, Community Partnership Award

Congratulations to all the residents and neighborhood groups who volunteer their time to make our city and county a better place to live.



Community Policing Assisted Needy Families with 2011 Christmas
Neighborhood Leaders helped to raise funds and wrap gifts



2011 Neighborhood Group Tree Decorating Contest



First Place
Cathedral Neighborhood Group



Grand Prize
Riverview NHG



Third Place
Neighbors Who Care NHG



Second Place
Crestview NHG



Congratulations
&
Happy Holidays



“Improving the Quality of Life within a major Speedway Community”

Liveable Neighborhoods, Community Policing and the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Dept. have formed a coalition to support diverse leaders and organizations in Wyandotte County committed to integrating and aligning resources to make our community cleaner, safer and healthier. We have created a partnership that is dedicated to engaging our entire community in the Wyandotte 500 initiative.

Our efforts are results focused and the bottom line is that the work of Wyandotte 500 is a common sense, smart spending, sound investment in the future of the safety, healthiness and well-being of Wyandotte County Kansas City, Kansas.

The Wyandotte 500 Coordinating Committee is seeking projects which target some of the various issues below. We hope interested individuals will submit project applications to the committee, which are available from Liveable Neighborhoods. Once approved, the coordinator can bring their idea for the project to the Wyandotte 500 coalition to recruit interested people to form an action planning group. The action planning group will then work together with the coordinator to complete their project. All projects will be documented for collection into a booklet and distributed at the monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings. We want to recognize people who have an idea and the passion to make their projects come true.

We hope to accomplish 500 projects and make a positive difference in the quality of life for our residents. Please join us for the Wyandotte 500 Program at the monthly Liveable Neighborhoods meetings, we welcome anyone and everyone!



Community Policing

Residents and police in partnership together to prevent crime.

Safety in Neighborhoods

Assisting residents with implementing and sustaining activities and programs that reduce crime.

Code Enforcement and Landlord Issues

Educating citizens and landlords about legal processes and resources available to help combat blight and sub-standard rental properties.

Vacant/Abandoned Lots

To provide resources, programs, organizations and neighborhood groups with the tools they need to reduce the number of vacant/abandoned/overgrown lots.

Emergency Medical Assistance

To help save lives by providing emergency responders with pertinent medical information during an emergency.

Health and Wellness

Providing information, education, policies, programs and resources for combating health issues such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and mental illness.

Mentoring

Helping children to remain in school, avoid problem behavior, and have greater attachment to their family and community.

Minor Home Repair

Addressing the needs of senior citizens and disabled with minor home repair so that they can remain in their homes as long as possible.



2011 Wyandotte "500" Update

"We are a group of diverse leaders and organizations committed to making our community Safer and Healthier"



2011 Laps/Projects

#12 Complete Streets Resolution

"Complete Streets" describes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit riders and motorists; people of all ages and abilities, including children, families, older adults and individuals with disabilities. Liveable Neighborhoods board voted to support the proposed Complete Streets Resolution at the March 24, 2011 meeting. The Unified Government approved the resolution on April 7, 2011.



#13 American Red Cross

Healthier Community Initiative (Flu Shots, Smoke Alarms, and CPR Training)

To increase the Health and Wellness of our community by making flu shots, smoke alarms and CPR/First aid classes convenient for neighborhood groups.

- The American Red Cross can plan flu shot clinics at group meetings (large and small) at the time, date and location of your choice. We accept most insurance, complete list can be provided upon request.
- We have smoke alarms courtesy of grant funds that can be given out to homeowners or installed referred to as "Blitzes"; we provide the equipment, the smoke alarms, the training to install, all we ask is the neighborhood members participate in the installation "Blitz" on the Saturday of their choice. No cost to participants that receive smoke alarms.
- Red Cross has a long tradition of teaching America CPR, first aid and how to use an AED. Classes are offered throughout Wyandotte County at various locations and can be scheduled for specific neighborhoods at the time, location and date of your choice. Fee for this is \$50/person to cover the cost of books, manikins and the instructor.
- Any neighborhood group interested should contact Jason Williby at 913-321-6314 Ext. 00 or e-mail him at williby@usareddcross.org.



#14 13th Annual NCPP Meeting

The Kansas City Kansas/Wyandotte County Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol will hold their 13th annual meeting on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church 5010 Parallel. The theme for this year's meeting is "Feel Your Mind Race" as we work to make KCK the safest Speedway city in America. For more information contact Paul Soptick at pprsjr@aol.com. The meeting was held on March 25th approximately 150 neighborhood patrollers and law enforcement attended. Guest speakers included Chief of Police Rick Armstrong and Sheriff Don Ash.



2011 Wyandotte 500 Projects (cont'd)

#15 4th Annual Breaking the Silence Conference **2011 Breaking the Silence Conference**

Liveable Neighborhoods is a proud sponsor of the 2011 Breaking the Silence conference. Conference themes explored what we as the American public, should be environmentally educating ourselves, as well as our youth, and our future leaders. The conference was held on **March 11 & 12** at the Reardon Center. The guest speakers, panels, informational tables, and discussion lead us to a better understanding of environmental issues, jobs and energy conservation.

For more information and to register go to: www.breakingthesilence.us



#16 Kansas City Kansas Public Library Survey

The Kansas City, Kansas Public Library asked the public to help create a better library for the community by participating in a survey that was available from January 15, 2011 to March 1, 2011. The survey is a part of the library's strategic planning process. The KCK Public Library is sought community input to evaluate how to improve public access to library services in Wyandotte County and what services need to be expanded and improved to better meet community needs.

The survey was available starting January 15, 2011 on the library website at www.kckpl.org and in print at all KCK Public Library locations. It was also distributed at several sites throughout Wyandotte County between January 15, 2011 and March 2011. The results of the survey are available online for the public to review along with the library's strategic plan.



#17 United Way and EOF Wyandotte County Community Needs Assessment

This is a community survey to gather information about assets, needs, and community priorities in Wyandotte County from a broad sample of the population. It especially focuses on needs related to social and health services and will be used to guide the planning of many nonprofit organizations in Wyandotte County as well as inform the work of the United Way of Wyandotte County. The timeframe to complete the survey has closed.

It is expected that these data will be available in May or June 2011 and, therefore, will serve to spark conversation about Wyandotte County's future, which will also be informed by the release of Census data, expected to continue through Fall 2011.



#18 Fair Housing Survey

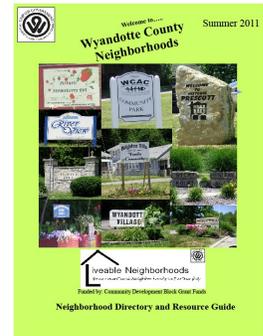
The cities in the Kansas City region receive grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to fund housing and community development programs. As such, the cities are required to periodically examine performance in affirmatively furthering fair housing choice. To complete the survey go to the Unified Government's web site: www.wycokck.org and click on KC Fair Housing Survey.



2011 Wyandotte 500 Projects (cont'd)

#19 Neighborhood Directory & Neighborhood Resource Guide

One of the recommendations that was approved by the Liveable Neighborhoods board was the creation of the Neighborhood Directory. The Neighborhood Directory is one of the ways that we hope to deliver a broad base of agencies, programs and Unified Government information to help us all become more aware of the resources and services available in our city. This booklet is designed to help greet new neighbors, inform current residents and provide overall general information on questions that are frequently asked by the citizens.



#20 Healthy Communities Action Teams

The purpose of the plan is a result of Mayor Reardon's commitment to improving the community health of Wyandotte County. A series of community meetings were held after the release of the County Health rankings report. The results of these meetings provided the priorities to begin a community health improvement plan process. A steering committee has formed Action Teams to address specific areas of emphasis.

The goal of engaging in Wyandotte 500 is to increase the awareness of Healthy Communities Wyandotte and increase participation in the planning phase of the community health improvement plan.



#21 Adoption of the 2009 Property Maintenance Codes

The adoption and enforcement of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, or IPMC, brings the current and most recently studied codes to the forefront in our community. This creates safer environments by helping to reduce blight and neighborhood crime, and creates healthier living conditions for individuals living in our community. In addition the 2009 IPMC stresses the importance of energy efficient building and maintenance practices, helping residents to save money and valuable resources. We are currently under the 2003 International Property Maintenance Codes, so this adoption process will help to bring the property maintenance codes of Wyandotte County/Kansas City Kansas to a compatible level as the rest of the metro area.



#22 Wyandotte Co. Youth Football and Cheerleading Assoc.

The purpose of the "Agents-Of-Change" Wyandotte County Youth Football and Cheerleading program is to provide a holistic approach of development that promotes healthy behaviors, healthy lifestyles, strong educational values, encouraging responsible decision making and increased opportunities for support to parents and families. The guiding principle is the investment of all community members (churches, faith-based groups, family support systems, schools and local businesses) in increasing the awareness and ownership of the risks, costs and problems that can be attributed to a lack of total community involvement in the development of our youth and teens.



2011 Wyandotte 500 Projects (cont'd)

#23 State Avenue Transit Corridor Improvements - Open House

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority and the Unified Government Transit of Wyandotte County Kansas City Kansas have secured federal TIGER funding to improve the existing Minnesota/State Avenue transit corridor. The improvements will be made along the transit route that begins at the 10th and Main Metro Center in downtown Kansas City, Mo. travels through downtown Kansas City Kansas, and ends at Village West at 109th and Parallel Parkway before returning in the opposite direction. Liveable Neighborhoods is partnering with KCATA and UGT to host an Open House to discuss needs, concerns, and ideas for improving the transit corridor. The Open House was held on Aug. 10th in the Community Meeting Room in the Neighborhood Resource Center. Approximately 70 residents and neighborhood leaders attended the event.



#24 2011 National Night Out Against Crime

The Night Out Against Crime Event was held on Aug. 2, 2011. Over 350 people attended the event which was held at Indian Springs Marketplace. Paul Soptick, President of Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol and Liveable Neighborhoods kicked off the event by introducing Rachelle Smith with Target. Target provided grilled hot dogs, chips and beverages for everyone in attendance. Commissioner Angela Markley presented a proclamation from Mayor Joe Reardon. Police Chief Rick Armstrong and Sheriff Don Ash offered positive comments about the ongoing partnership between law enforcement and neighborhood groups. Over 40 neighborhood groups attended together to promote neighborhood spirit and Police community partnerships with a goal to become a safer city.



#25 Brownsfield Assessment Program

The Unified Government has received a \$400,000 from the EPA to perform assessments and cleanup planning on properties that might have been contaminated with either hazardous substances or petroleum. A Target Area Planning Team comprised of neighborhood leaders and U.G. staff serves as the advisory committee to assist with community outreach in identifying potential sites, and identifying local criteria by which to select the sites and help facilitate the assessment process. Anyone can nominate a site for the Brownsfield funding go to the "Forms Section" on the UG Brownsfield website at <http://www.wycokck.org/InternetDept.aspx?id=28543>.

Unified Government
Brownfields Project



#26 Neighborhood Networking

Liveable Neighborhoods will provide neighborhood leaders with a chance to network with other neighborhood leaders about various topics that are of interest to your neighborhood such as: involvement of younger families with your neighborhood group, language barriers, improving communication, etc. Further details will be forthcoming after the planning committee is formed. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Andrea Generaux, Liveable Neighborhoods at ageneraux@wycokck.org or call 913-573-8737.



Liveable
Neighborhoods

#27 Support Legislation to Increase Penalties for Illegal Dumping

Liveable Neighborhoods supports legislation to change current state law in Kansas increasing the penalty for illegal dumping from a misdemeanor to a felony.



Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Group List

<u>Name of Neighborhood Group</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
Gateway Plaza Homes.	Jennifer Washington	66101
Chelsea Plaza Nbhd Watch Group	Glenda Jordon	66101
Alcott Ng	Chuck Green	66101
Central Crime Watch-We Care	Michael Love	66101
Fowler Park Neighborhood Association	Carolyn Wyatt	66101
Brighton Hill Neighborhood Group	Jackie Anderson	66101
Central Crime Watch-We Care	Sandra Robinson	66101
Oak Grove NHG	Elnora T Jefferson	66101
Quindaro Homes	Robert B. Anver	66101
Riverview Neighborhood Group	Bob Laubsch	66101
Strawberry Hill NBHW Assoc.	Carole Diehl	66101
Turtle Hill	William Irvin	66101
Downtown Shareholders	Ed Linnebur	66101
Tremont Neighborhood Association	Patricia Orr	66101
Cross Line Tower Tenants Association	Victoria Nicholson	66101
Oak Leaves	River Oaks Estates- Manager	66101
St Joseph Watchdogs	Ann Dercher	66101
Douglas Sumner NHG	Beatrice L. Lee	66101
Sagem 8&9	Gwendolyn Lindsay	66101
Forest Glen Enforcers	Barb Summers	66102
Boulevard Neighborhood Assoc.	Cassandra Pennington-Harper	66102
Villas at Ridge Pointe	Beverly Darby	66102
Prescott	Greg Take	66102
Org. for Community Preservation	Dolores Elliott	66102
Cedarholm Neighborhood	Nelsene Bell	66102
Wyandotte Countians Against Crime	Paul Soptick	66102
Grandview Park Residents Assoc.	Yolandra Brockman	66102
Brougham Estates/ICU	Stan Gatton	66102
Kensington Comm. Area Watch	Donnie Thomas	66102
Historic Westheight Neigh. Assoc.	Susan Allen	66102
Country Side West HOA	Coretta Mays	66102
Wyandotte Village	Robbie Davis	66102
Strugglers Hill-Roots Neighborhood Association	Chester C. Owens Jr.	66102
Hillcrest Eyes Apartments	Terry or Jessica Ravenstine	66102
Prescott	Stephanie Moore	66102
WestVale Coffee Club	Colleen Norris	66102
Cathedral Neighborhood Association	Patty Orth	66102
Central Area Betterment Assoc.	Marty Theonnes	66102
Neighborhood Crime Prevention Patrol	Paul Soptick	66102
Waterway Group	Joevelyn Davis	66102
Rosedale Development Assoc.	Wendy Wilson	66103
Rose Alert	Jeffrey Lysinger	66103
Step Up Neighborhood Assoc.	Tyrone Lewis	66103
Rose Alert	Linda Wright	66103
Spring Valley	Michelle Hall	66103
Shawnee Road	Eleanor Pitts	66103
Friendship Heights	Lisa Hill	66103

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Mc Farland Heights	Virginia Daily	66103
East Argentine Neighborhood Assoc.	Evelyn Larson	66103
Hilltop NGHD Assoc.	Inez Swindell	66103
Frank Rushton	Harold Hepfer	66103
Historic Hanover Heights NBHG	Gil Pintar	66103
Argentine Betterment Corp.	Ty Lewis	66103
Rosedale Leadership Council	Wendy Wilson	66103
Active Citizens Task Force	Ava Davis	66104
Citizen Among the Star	Christine Allen	66104
Leavenworth Road Association	Lou Braswell	66104
Welborn Community Watch	Janet Golubski	66104
Weaver/Wayne	Kay Moore	66104
Parkwood Colony, Inc.	Dorothy Mcfeild	66104
North Welborn Watch Group	Deniese Davis	66104
London Heights	Martha Smith	66104
Hickman Dr. Roswell & 26th	Annice Howard	66104
Heather Heights	Robert Cobin	66104
Gerding Gardens NHW	Betty Wells	66104
Field of Dreams	Lorena Mosser	66104
Clearview Neighborhood Watch	Artis Jones	66104
Cernech Neighborhood Watch	Carolyn Schratte	66104
Brentwood Hills Neighborhood	Laura B Williams	66104
Block Hawks	Sandy Ziolo	66104
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	Lou Braswell	66104
Edgewood Watch Group	Mary Tripp	66104
Welborn Villa Residents Council	Mary Sprague	66104
North Georgia Helper	Bob Evans	66104
Quindaro Urban	Cedric Patton	66104
Saint NHW	Janet Horn	66104
Neighbors Who Care	Marlene Bouray	66104
Western Highland Community Group	Charles Pennington	66104
Monticello Heights	Ted Robinson	66104
Armourdale Renewal Association	Kim Hausback	66105
South Turner	Marc Magerl	66106
Neighbors On Watch	Barbra Kill	66106
SAFE	Josh Markley	66106
South Turner	Alex Craddock	66106
Getty Grove NHW	Kathy Elevier	66106
South Argentine Neighborhood Association (SANA)	Tony Spencer	66106
Villa Argentina NHG	Mario Escobar	66106
Morris NWG	Donald E. Lawrence	66106
Southwest Argentine Neighborhood Watch	Patrick Dunn Patty	66106
Crestview Neighborhood Watch	Carol Norris	66106
Turner Community Connection, Inc.	Barb Kill	66106

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<u>Name of Neighborhood Group</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
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Douglas Heights Residents Assoc.	Tiffany Blair	66106
Wyandotte Gardens	Dorothy Kelly	66106
Argentine Neighborhood Development Assoc.	Victor Hernandez	66106
Chalet Manor	Jean Hall	66106
American Heritage Assoc.	Sandy Pierceall	66109
Canaan Woods Homeowners Association	Beverly Biscanin	66109
Eagle Eyes	Jack Loun	66109
Pomeroy Neighborhood Watch Group	Larry Kappleman	66109
Delaware Ridge Neighbourhood Watch	Gail Godsey	66109
White Oaks	Charlesetta Burrell	66109
Piper Landing	Steve Owen	66109
Rolling Meadows HOA./Genesis Ridge	Shelly Rinkleff	66109
115th & Polfer	Charles Kuger	66109
Windhill Estate Homeowners Association	Robert Bliss	66109
Sun Haven Watch	Joel Johnson	66109
Malott Heights NHA, Inc.	Deb Spurgeon	66109
Quail Creek Homes Association	Larry Beashore	66109
Westlake Homeowners Association	Bob & Jackie Evans	66109
Brooks-Eyes	Lowell Brune	66109
Westbridge HOA	Robert Frey	66109
Prairie Oaks Homeowner	Donna Feedback	66109
Westmore Downs	Rick Courtney	66109
Miros Circle Neighborhood Group	Ken Yarnevich	66109
Woodland Hills HOA	Tina Gray	66109
Parkway Village H.O.A.	Dorothy Stine	66109
Freeman Farms	Shane Wright	66109
Plaza Towers Crime Watch	Matilda Strickland	66109
Presidential Highfields	Bernard Batie	66109
Colony At Canaan Lake	Jerry Godell	66109
Meadows Homeowners Association	John Cebulski	66109
Country View Lake Association	Ken Robinson	66109
Westfield Homeowners Association	Brian Verbenec	66112
Westborough NHG	Lonnell Pennington	66112
Parkway Pointe NG	Phillip Roland	66112
Village Woods	Tim Griggs	66112
Riverview Acres Crime Eliminators (RACE)	Bill Boster	66112
Caring Residents of College Park	Amy Perry	66112
West Wyandotte	Maurice Gray	66112
Normandy West Homes Association	Stan Hinman	66112
Stony Point/Hunters Glen NHA.	Norman D. Scott	66112
North East Business	Ravana Lewis	66117

Some Appreciative Comments Received Throughout the Year From our Partners

On behalf of the Strawberry Hill NH Assoc., we wish to thank you for the opportunity to apply for a grant to help us in our ongoing endeavors. We are always doing something to better the community, and this takes money and all groups appreciate the chance to receive a grant to get some of these things done. We are all working toward the same goal, to make our city the best we can by making it a cleaner, safer, and friendlier place to call home. *Carole Diehl, President of Strawberry Hill NH Assoc.*

I just wanted to take a quick minute to thank you all for your wonderful help and expertise on our bus tour yesterday. What a great day we had, and it was thanks to all of you. This morning, one of the class members commented to me that, as a result of the bus tour, she is "feeling pretty good about Wyandotte County." I just thought that was a testament to all of you and the good work you are doing, and wanted to share that with you. Thanks again!
Melissa Bynum, Leadership 2000

Thank you both for all you have done to help, getting copies made and important information given out to the neighborhood groups. Your patience and help have been much appreciated during the year. *Donnie Thomas, President of Kensington Community Area Watch*

I just wanted to drop a quick note and thank you for putting the WYCO Ethnic Festival event in your newsletter. We nearly tripled the attendance this year and had a great time with all our new performers and booths. *Bettse Folsom, Writer and Photographer*

The Mt. Carmel Redevelopment Corporation (MCRC) would like to thank you for your participation in our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The Board of Directors and staff of MCRC recognizes the value of your contribution, and we are immensely grateful for your support. *Pamela Smart, Executive Director*

It was an honor for us to attend the meeting and thank you so much for giving us the time to talk about the project! It was so refreshing to see so many of KCK's community out who really care about the Dotte! God is answering prayer. *Mr. and Mrs. Adrion Roberson and the WYFBCA team*

Thank you for always keeping your calendar available for Heartland Habitat. Your hospitality is always outstanding. Our families truly appreciate the training and learning that there is an active group of neighbors near by. Thank you for the amazing work you do and helping us connect our families with their neighbors.
Brenda Mortell, Heartland Habitat for Humanity

Just a follow-up to say you were excellent at informing the President of Community Forum Against Crime, Charles Davis Jr. of the correct processes with regard to the community and Liveable Neighborhoods. Keep up the excellent work. *Guy Ellison, U.G. Planning and Zoning Board*

Thank you for participating in the First Annual Reunion of Parkwood Colony and Friends. Our first effort was a successful venture and your contribution is greatly appreciated. Lots of good information—thanks for all you do! *Dorothy McField, President of Parkwood Colony NHG*

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Thank You--you've always been gracious to me and helpful. *Eleanor Pitts, Shawnee Road NHG*

Thank you for your help. You have always been helpful and it is appreciated. *Murray Rhodes, L.S. Vice President Surveying*

My thanks goes out to the UG, Parks and Recreation and all the crews for all their hard work in getting the many vacant lots mowed in KCK. It means a lot to me personally to see our neighborhoods looking so much nicer. *Gwendolyn Lindsay, President of SAGE 8 & 9 NHG*

I wanted to also take the time to thank you personally for helping me produce such a worthwhile environmental event. Every year we seem to get better at doing what it is we are attempting to do. If environmental literacy is the objective, we are getting done at the Breaking The Silence conference. I hope you will continue to be a sponsor or vendor, as an independent businessman, I will always need support from others to succeed. Thanks for being that support. *Richard Mabion, Building A Sustainable Earth Community*

This is awesome, I just viewed your website. Please sign me up for a couple of the copies of the Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Directory. *Donnette Bell, Property Manager, Royal Garden Apartments*

The Liveable Neighborhoods Neighborhood Directory looks really good and what a great resource. Thanks for all your work. *Pat Pettey*

Great Job on the Neighborhood Directory. *Edwin Birch, U.G. Public Information Officer*

Thanks to you for keeping all of us connected, even us old timers need to be informed! *Anna Lu Brune, Brooks Eyes NHG*

Nice Job on the Neighborhood Directory really looked great on the screen and very professional..Thank you for doing this! *Ed Linnebur, Downtown Shareholders*

GREAT JOB, WELL DONE! All the people at the UG should be proud of what a fine job they have done. Special thanks to you and what a difference you made in your efforts. That is what made this and all other growth possible. We now have a city the we can be proud to call home. *Brent Gillespie, Resident*